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Welcome to Fellowship Southwest's 2024 Compassion & Justice Conference. We gather as people of faith doing our best to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our vision for these two days is for you to connect with one another around our collective commitment to compassion and justice. We believe that compassion and justice go hand in hand. When we move into proximity to suffering and work to meet needs, we encounter injustice. When people of faith raise their voices in advocacy to confront unjust systems, transformation is possible.

We are grateful for each of our speakers and preachers joining us these two days. We know they will inform, inspire, and challenge us. We pray that you make the effort to meet new people and find others who share your commitments to compassion and justice. We hope you make plans to work together in your community and find more ways to connect with Fellowship Southwest. Most of all, we are so glad you are here!



MONARCH BUTTERFLIES have many symbolic meanings with which Fellowship Southwest resonates deeply:

Migration: The journey of a butterfly represents the endurance and value of migration.

Indigenous Groups: Monarch butterflies are sacred to Indigenous groups on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Mexican Culture: In Mexico, monarch butterflies are a cultural symbol that connects the living to the dead.

Human Rights: Monarch butterflies are a symbol for human rights.

Biological Diversity: Monarch butterflies are a symbol for advocates of biological diversity.

Transformation: The metamorphosis of a butterfly represents transformation.



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connect with.

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Friendly reminder to follow up with
these folks!

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

8:15

Registration and Coffee

9:00

Welcome Gathering

9:30

Keynote | Mariah Humphries

10:30

Break

11:00

Keynote | Cláudio Carvalhaes

12:00

Collaboration Tables over Lunch

1:00

Talkback with the Keynotes

1:45

Break

2:00

Theological Reflection and Q&A with Justin Jones

2:45

Break

3:00

Partner Connection Receptions

3:45

Closing

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NATIVE JUSTICE

MARIAH HUMPHRIES



Executive Director of The Center for Formation, Justice and Peace

Mariah Humphries is a Mvskoke Nation citizen, writer, and speaker. Through her experience navigating the tension between Native and white American culture, she writes and speaks on the intersections of Christianity and racialized identities. She is the Executive Director for The Center for Formation, Justice and Peace, an interdenominational organization cultivating the character necessary to pursue peace through kingdom justice in the manner of Jesus.

She has been featured on several podcasts and is a contributing author in *Voices of Lament: Reflections on Brokenness and Hope in a World Longing for Justice, Justice Looks Like...Reflections on Living the Gospel in an Unjust World*, and the forthcoming works *Need to Know: Empowering Female Leadership and Why it's Essential for the Future of the Church*, and *We Follow Christ: A Women's Guide for Discerning God's Call*.

IMMIGRATION

CLÁUDIO CARVALHAES

Professor at Union Theological Seminary



Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes is originally from Brazil. He was a pastor of two churches: one in Sao Paulo with poor people and one in Massachusetts with undocumented immigrants. He now teaches at Union Theological Seminary in the city of New York. He is married to Katie, has three kids: Libby, Cici and Ike, and an adorable dog called Amora. For more information: <https://www.claudiocarvalhaes.com/>

Notes from Mariah:

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JUSTIN JONES

**TENNESSEE
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Justin Jones is an activist, organizer, legislator, representative, minister, community leader, environmentalist, and gun violence prevention advocate deeply committed to doing the justice work required to move Tennessee and our nation forward.

Justin is a tireless fighter for Black liberation and is deeply embedded in a tradition of resistance that comes from his familial and movement ancestors who ground and guide his work. Justin was expelled from the Tennessee legislature in 2023, daring to put purpose before title, and bringing a moral conscience to the deliberative process which puts the lives of kids against the proliferation of firearms.



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FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS



4:00 PM

Networking Opportunity

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7:30 PM

Worship at Wilshire Baptist Church

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REV. DR. CASSANDRA GOULD, PREACHER

The Reverend Dr. Cassandra Gould serves as Senior Strategist at the Faith in Action National Network and lives in Washington, D.C. She is a native of Demopolis, Alabama where her mother was a voter rights activist. Dr. Gould is an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and served for 10 years as a senior pastor in Missouri.

Affectionately known as the “Pastor in the Public Square,” working at the intersection of faith, justice and politics is the works her soul requires.



SATURDAY SCHEDULE

8:30

Partner Connection Receptions, Tacos & Coffee

9:15

Keynote | Jeremy Everett

10:15

Break

10:45

Keynote | Sandra María Van Opstal

11:45

Collaboration Tables over Lunch

12:30

Talkback with Keynotes

1:30

Break

1:45

Closing Worship

HUNGER

JEREMY EVERETT

Founder & Executive Director, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty (BCHP)



Prior to his appointment at BCHP, Jeremy worked for international and community development organizations as a teacher, religious leader, community organizer, and farmer. He frequently delivers presentations to congregations, non-profit organizations, universities, and government entities about hunger and poverty.

Jeremy earned a bachelor's degree from Samford University, a Master of Divinity from Baylor University, and is completing his doctorate at Duke Divinity School at Duke University. Jeremy is a Next Generation Fellow of the University of Texas LBJ School's Strauss Center for International Security and Law, an Affiliate with Temple University's Hope Center, a Senior Fellow with World Hunger Relief, Inc., and was appointed by the U.S. Congress to serve on the National Commission on Hunger. He serves on various boards, including Bread for the World and the 2030 Collaborative.

Jeremy is the author of *I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis*, a contributing author to *Food and Poverty: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty Among America's Poor* (Vanderbilt University Press), and *The End of Hunger: Renewed Hope for Feeding the World* (InterVarsity Press).

RACIAL JUSTICE

SANDRA MARÍA VAN OPSTAL

Executive Director of Chasing Justice



Sandra is a second-generation Latina pastor, activist, author, and a powerful leading voice on the intersection of faith and justice. She is executive director of Chasing Justice, a BIPOC-led movement that mobilizes the next generation of Christians to live justly. Sandra's distinctiveness comes from working in both local and global contexts as a practitioner and academic, which has solidified her calling to disrupt oppressive systems within the church and to center marginalized voices.

She served as executive pastor at Grace and Peace Church on Chicago's west side and as an activist in her community. She holds a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is currently pursuing doctoral work in Urban Leadership and Transformation. Sandra is the author of *The Next Worship, Forty Days on Being An Eight*, as well as contributor to the New York Times bestselling book *A Rhythm of Prayer*.

Notes from Jeremy:



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NOVEMBER 20-23

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You are invited to join a group of other individuals interested in experiencing ministries to migrants and learning more about immigration policy and experiences on the ground.

"Once you see the border, you cannot unsee it. And you can go back and be a witness to what you have seen."

Alma Ruth, Practice Mercy, FSW border partner in Reynosa



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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

FULL TIME STAFF

Stephen Reeves

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Stephen lives in Dripping Springs, Texas, outside of Austin. He is married to Deborah, the children's minister at First Baptist Church in Austin. They have three kids: Kellyn, Garrett and Landry.

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DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS & OUTREACH. Anyra lives in Fort Worth, Texas. She is married to Carlos Valencia, a hospital chaplain at Baylor Scott & White and the pastor of Iglesia Bautista Victoria en Cristo. They have a 4 year-old daughter, Valentina.

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT. Cameron lives in San Antonio, Texas. She is married to Garrett, the pastor of Woodland Church. They have three daughters. Cameron is the co-author of a children's book: *My Love, God Is Everywhere*.

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MEDIA MANAGER. Zion lives in Houston, Texas, and is a member of The Church Without Walls. She is a recent graduate of Texas Southern University and plans to move to Los Angeles in 2025.

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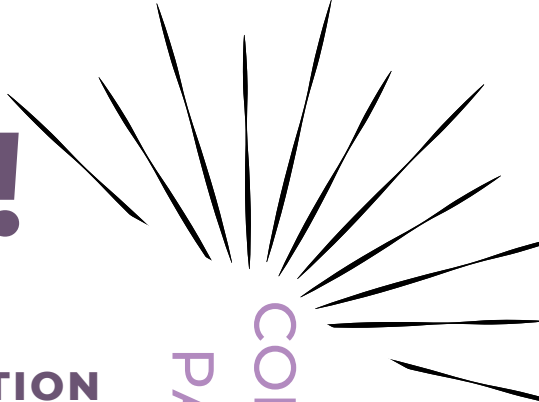
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